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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Applicant: SOREN JONSSON
Serial No.: 08/968034
Filed: November 12, 1997
Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FEEDING COMPONENTS FOR BONE CEMENT INTO A MIXING VESSEL FOR THESE

Examiner: Unknown
Group Art Unit: 1723
Docket No.: 11709.45USC1

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c))

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed February 7, 2002.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided. Enclosed for the Examiner's information is a copy of the International Search Report. Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that they have a commonly assigned co-pending application, Serial No. 09/881540, filed June 14, 2001, and the references listed were cited in the afore-mentioned case.

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English Abstract attached to Reference SE 510 490.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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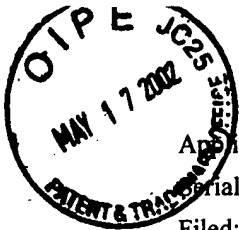
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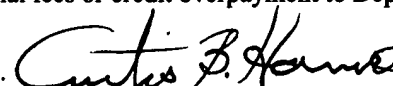
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